

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 632

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A RESOLUTION To recognize Mr. Maurice W. Elliott on the occasion of his retirement as CEO at Methodist Healthcare and upon being named Methodist Healthcare's CEO Emeritus.

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Maurice Elliott is one such estimable person who has served with probity for the past twelve of his fourteen years with Methodist Healthcare as its Chief Executive Officer; and

WHEREAS, During his able tenure as the CEO of Methodist Healthcare, the healthcare giant has grown to include fourteen hospitals in Memphis and the West Tennessee area with 2,390 licensed beds; Methodist Healthcare also includes a home health agency, an I.V. infusion therapy service, a hospice service, ambulatory surgery and diagnostic facilities, a managed care organization, a school of nursing and a variety of medical and surgical residency programs and other allied health education programs; in 2000, the system had in excess of 11,000 employees, had net revenues of \$827 million and provided in excess of \$70 million in uncompensated care; and

WHEREAS, From 1987-1989, Mr. Elliott served as President of Methodist Hospitals of Memphis, a four hospital system with 1,415 licensed beds, and as chief operating officer of Methodist Healthcare; and

WHEREAS, Prior to joining Methodist Healthcare, Mr. Maurice Elliott served as a member of the administrative staff of Baptist Memorial Healthcare System, a sixteen hospital system based in Memphis, during which time he served as the administrator of a 150-bed regional rehabilitation hospital and as administrator of the 419-bed Baptist Hospital East; and

WHEREAS, Maurice W. Elliott is an active and important part of his community and his profession, serving on several professional boards and participating in numerous related activities, including meritorious service as an Associate Clinical Professor for the U.T. College of Allied Health Sciences for the past 28 years, a Board Member of the Memphis Helicopter Ambulance Service, a former member of the Governor's Medicaid Reform Task Force, Past President of the Memphis Hospital Council, and a former Chairman of the Board for the Tennessee Hospital Association, from which he received the Distinguished Service Award; and

WHEREAS, He lends his support to numerous civic organizations, including serving as the Chairman of the Board for The Village of Germantown, as Chairman in 1999 of the Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk, as a Crusade Chairman in the past for the Shelby County Chapter of the American Cancer Society and as a member of the President's Advisory Council, as the Past Chairman of the March of Dimes Walk-A-Thon, as the Chairman of the Easter Seal Telethon from 1990-92, and as the Chairman in 1996 of the Heart Association Heart Walk; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Elliott also contributes his time and numerous talents to The 100 Club of Memphis, the City of Memphis Leadership Council, and as a member of the Board of Advisors for the Memphis Area Chamber of Commerce; he is also a former Board and Executive Committee Member of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, A firm believer in excellence in higher education, Mr. Elliott has served as a member of the Dean's Advisory Council and as an Honorary Member of Beta Gamma Sigma at

the University of Memphis Fogelman School of Business, as a member of the Louisiana State University School of Business Advisory Board; as a board member of the University of Tennessee Norfleet Forum from which he received the L.M. Graves Award for his many contributions to the field of healthcare; and as a member of the University of Tennessee Development Council; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Elliott received his Bachelor of Science degree from Louisiana State University in 1961 and earned his Master's degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Hospital Administration from the University of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Although he is stepping down as the CEO of Methodist Healthcare, he will continue to serve with distinction as CEO Emeritus, in which position he will work closely with the Methodist Healthcare Foundation, Corporate Compliance, and Internal Audit and Clinical Research, as well as perform other duties; and

WHEREAS, Maurice Elliott exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his estimable career, Mr. Elliott has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate others to reach their potential, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his peers and superiors alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we extend to Mr. Maurice W. Elliott our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling 'retirement' and every continued success in his future endeavors as the CEO Emeritus of Methodist Healthcare.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.